

Junior Troop 4017 September Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to another year of Girl Scouting. For those of you who are new to our troop, we hope you will enjoy it. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It went by so quickly! We have many fun things planned and we cannot wait to get started. During the year we will work on Junior badges, do some service projects, go on trips, have parties, and hopefully have a great time together.

All girls MUST be registered to participate in Girl Scouts. If you haven't already registered your daughter, please go to <https://mygs.girlscouts.org/> and register. The troop number is 4017

Our first meeting will be **Thursday, September 23, 2021**. The meetings will begin at 3:15 PM. We will have snack first, (which we will provide) and then begin our meeting. Our meetings run until 4:45 and we ask that you pick up your daughter promptly. Also, please make sure that you see one of the leaders so we know that your daughter has left with the proper adult. We will usually meet every other Thursday, but sometimes we will meet weekly. The schedule is posted the St. Mel School website <https://stmelsacademy.org/st-mels-girl-scouts/>

We ask that the girls purchase the Junior Girl Scout vest and wear it to each meeting. On the vest, the girls should have their troop number, 4017, and the GSUSA and GSCGNY patch as well as any patches or badges they have received (Junior Only). The vest is available at the Girl Scout store in Roosevelt Field or online at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/>

Our dues for the year will be \$80 and are due now. This will cover supplies, badges, and snack throughout the year. In addition, we have a Girl Scout cookie sale each year that usually begins in January. We encourage each scout to sell a minimum of 33 boxes of cookies. If you have more than 1 daughter enrolled, each additional child must sell 18 boxes of cookies. In the past few years we have had an increasing number of people not participating in this fundraiser. The monies we raise from cookie sales offset the cost of our meetings, outings, mother daughter dinner and trips. Our program depends on these funds and in fairness to all; you are **encouraged** to participate as detailed above. Please note, that joining Girl Scouts is a commitment to the program and each other, much like any other activity or team you are involved in.

Whenever you send in money for Girl Scouts, please put in an envelope with your daughter's name on it and what it is for. Please make out any checks to Girl Scout troop 4017. This makes bookkeeping much easier.

Please download, fill out and return the Health History Record, ASAP.

We look forward to making new friends as well as renewing old friendships. Please feel free to call us about any problems or questions.

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